

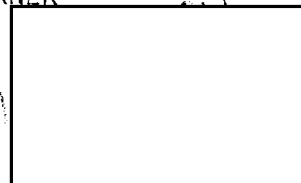
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, National Foreign Assessment Center
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: AWACS

I noticed in The New York Times on 28 November a chart which indicates the Iranians are cancelling the AWACS procurement. I haven't heard that anywhere else and there wasn't anything in the text to elaborate on this. I'd appreciate your keeping your ears open and let me know if it does develop that that is the case.


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U.S. Deputy Director

CIA Called 'Ahead' of Russian Spy Agency

American intelligence overall is superior to that of the Soviet Union, Frank C. Carlucci, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco yesterday.

The KGB, Russia's principal intelligence agency, "has more resources and fewer constraints than the CIA," the official said. "But it also has its disadvantages."

"Technically, we are ahead," Carlucci asserted, "and they carry a lot of ideological baggage. Our analytical capability is far superior to theirs."

He said intelligence organiza-

tions occasionally must submit pessimistic reports to their governments "and I, for one, would not like to be the KGB agent to carry bad news to the Kremlin."

Carlucci, whose speech was interrupted four times by applause said the view of the CIA as a "rogue elephant on the loose" is wrong.

Many of the much-published blunders in American foreign policy that were blamed on the CIA, Carlucci said, occurred because the agency simply followed orders of former secretaries of State or American presidents.

Carlucci, former U.S. am-



FRANK CARLUCCI
He spoke in S.F.

bassador to Portugal, said that because the Soviet Union and the United States are in an "era of strategic parity," this nation depends more upon intelligence gathering than ever before.

"We can simply no longer afford mistakes," Carlucci said.

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find a way to
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